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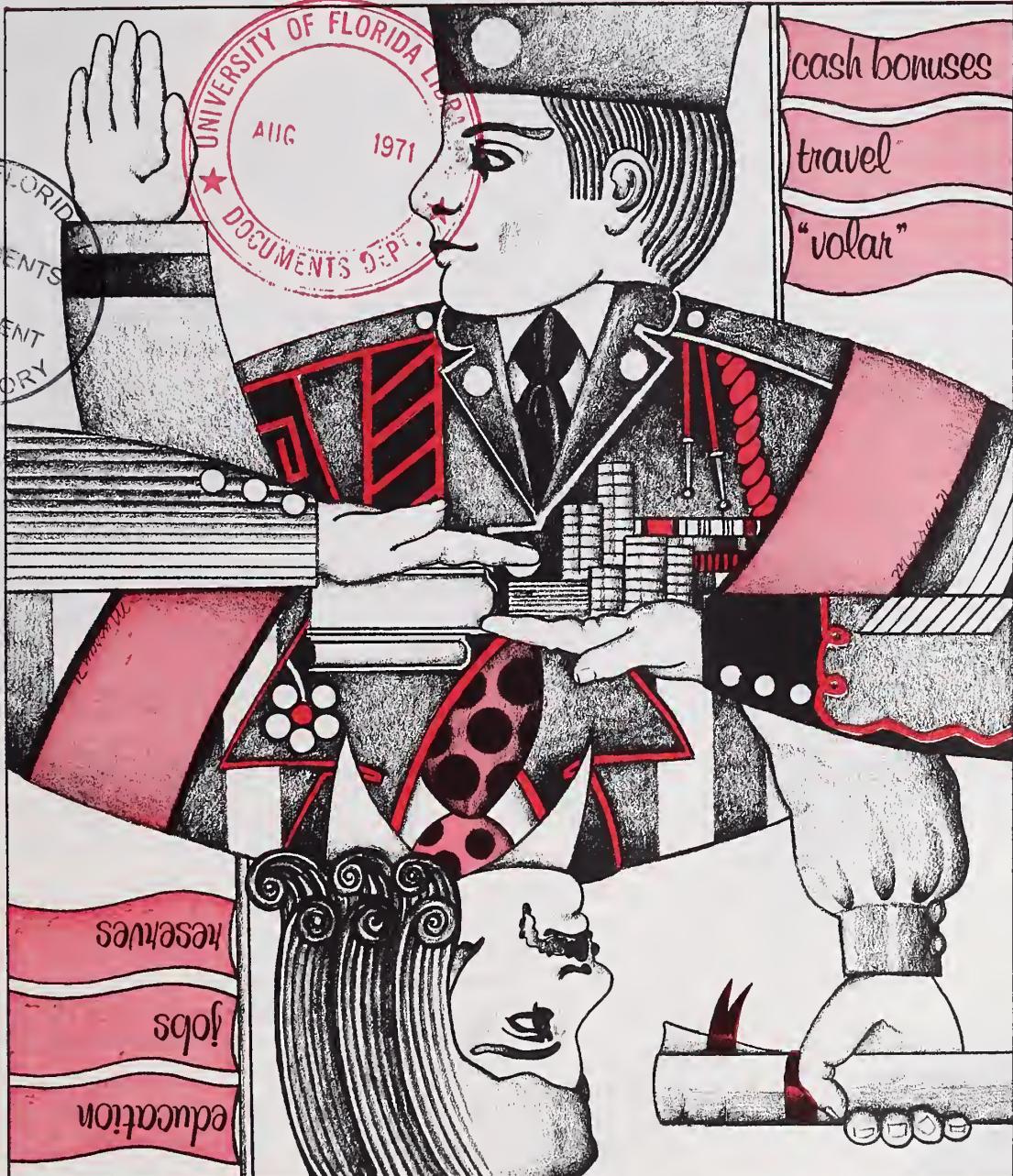
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The General on the Drug Scene

FROM THE CG—

The May issue of the HALLMARK presented a comprehensive article concerning the drug scene and the attendant problems it brings to the military service. I hope that all ASA personnel throughout the Command took the opportunity to read this article. I wholeheartedly support the Army Drug Amnesty Programs and encourage every individual with a drug problem to take advantage of them. However, men participating in such programs may not be retained with the Agency because of ASA's security and mission requirements. In Vietnam the Army has established urinalysis tests for all people projected to leave the country (PCS, leave and R&R). These tests positively identify heroin users and may eventually be used worldwide. It behooves any man with a problem to avail himself of the Drug Amnesty Program in his own interest without delay.



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Our Cover—You hold the cards to your future. But only a fool would get in the game without knowing all the rules. This month THE HALLMARK will serve as your Hoyle, outlining the options available to the soldier nearing the end of his tour. Our cover artist? Robert E. Murray.



"The Rustlers" Wear White Hats

When you're pulling a 12-month stint in Vietnam, you're putting in slightly more than a 40-hour week. Would you believe 60? Most members of the 175th Radio Research Company at Bien Hoa, RVN, would be happy to settle for 75.

So when you do have a little time off, how do you spend it? Reading? Writing a letter to your girl? Soaking up a beer at the club?

The "Rustlers" of the 175th can be found doing all of these things. But they have also been spending a lot of their free time over the past two years helping youngsters at the nearby Gov-

ernment of Vietnam Mental Hospital.

There's no doubt the place needs help. There are five doctors, 30 nurses and 90 attendants and social workers caring for some 1,800 resident patients and another 1,500 out-patients.

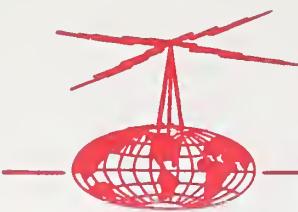
The Air Force has donated some building materials and money to the hospital but it has been the men of the 175th that have supplied the muscle.

More specifically, they've been building and painting quonset huts. According to Paul Horton, an American civilian with the International Volunteers Service who works with the hospital, building those huts is es-

sential because it is the only way to acquire more Vietnamese help for the hospital. All staff members must live on the hospital grounds but there just aren't enough available quarters.

The "Rustlers" have donated much of the material they've used for construction and have even raided their own mess hall on more than one occasion to come up with some extra food for the kids at the hospital.

A year in Vietnam can be a pretty lonely one for a soldier. But it can also be pretty worthwhile. Ask Paul Horton. Ask the GVN Mental Hospital staffers. Ask the kids.



Pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents

Virginia

Arlington Hall Station—"Convergence in Measure When the Limit Function is Infinite on a Set of Positive Measure" was the title of a paper presented by First Lieutenant Robert D. Tortora to the 17th Conference of Army Mathematicians at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.

The presentation marked the first time an individual's work had been selected from the Agency's Research and Development Division by the prestigious conference.

Two members of USASAFS Hakata's Maintenance Section demonstrate pole climbing rescue techniques to the nearly 1,500 people who attended Armed Forces Day at Hakata. (Photo by SP4 Stephen Kainess)



Vietnam

8th Radio Research Field Station—Master Sergeant William C. Schriver, reenlisting for the 5th time during his 17 years of service, decided to add some variety to his career planning by taking a flying start into his most recent re-up.

The S-2 NCOIC re-upped in the true sense of the word, in a helicopter, hundreds of feet above Phu Bai Combat Base.

When asked how it felt to go through an aerial oathtaking, MSG Schriver was equal to the occasion: "It was an uplifting experience," he answered. (Ed note: Booooooo!)

Germany

FS Bad Aibling—Specialist 5 Kenneth Evans thought he had a pretty good idea to save the Department of Defense some money, but didn't realize how good it was until he saw the check for his suggestion.

The Director of the National Security Agency stated that, "SP5 Evans is to be congratulated for his success in recommending a practical solution to a major problem." The solution was worth a cool \$1,000.

Japan

FS Hakata—Bruce David Eiler, 17-year-old son of Command Sergeant Major David T. Eiler, was recently awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Hakata Officers Wives' Club.

Specializing in mathematics and a member of the National Honor Society, young Eiler plans to pursue an engineering degree at Penn State.

Okinawa

FS Sobe—There are at least eight men of C Company who are sorry to see their First Sergeant go to Sinop, Turkey.

Under 1SG John E. Donovan's

guidance and tutelage, those eight men have become post soldiers of the month. Four of those men have gone on to take the US Army Ryukyu Islands Soldier of the Month Award, in competition with nine major commands within USARYIS.

The saddened eight are Specialists 5 William R. Hilbert, William J. Maher, David P. Jarrell, Robert E. Pelletier, John E. Smith, and Gregory H. Wulf; also Specialists 4 Curtis L. Dennis and George F. Keckler.

Korea

Camp Humphreys—The Soldier's Medal—the Army's second highest award for bravery not involving actual conflict with an armed enemy—was recently presented to Captain Dennis L. Morris.

CPT Morris, currently the Acting Inspector General and OIC of the Aviation Section of USASA Group Korea, earned the award as a platoon leader in Battery A, 2nd Battalion of the 20th Artillery Brigade, supporting the 1st Cavalry Division in the Republic of Vietnam.

CPT Morris risked his life attempting to extinguish a burning crate of grenades that was dangerously close to igniting an ammunition storage area.

Alaska

Ft. Richardson—Three members of the small USASA Detachment took the time and effort to blend their coin and medallion collections into one large display for the children at the John F. Kennedy and URSA Minor Elementary schools.

In recognition of Library Week, Major Herbert F. Decker Jr., Captain William W. Childress, and Staff Sergeant Floyd J. Marsteller Sr., not only set up the 10-day exhibits but also presented an explanation of coin collecting to the students of both schools.

Wonder Where Those Fellows Went?

For reasons dictated by economics, the U.S. Army Security Agency recently was forced to return approximately 1,200 men to the Department of the Army. And now it seems certain that this is only the first step in a drawdown that will claim several thousand more. However, one thing is definite. There will be no more four year Agency enlistees turned back to DA.

The move was in the making from the moment President Nixon signed the DOD Appropriations Act earlier this year. Buried within the directive under the heading, Section 845, were a few lines which were to have a unique impact on the Agency and her sister organizations.

Section 845, in effect, placed a ceiling on Agency personnel strength by establishing a ceiling on Defense Intelligence funds. This was not translated into an ASA ceiling until late in the fiscal year. Tasked with pruning their numbers by the end of June, overstrength Agency units reported eligible names immediately. Soon thereafter, affected individuals were notified of their impending moves.

The Process

How were the selections made on who was to stay and who was to move on? Those tapped for departure were obligated to at least nine more months of active service and possessed a DA MOS or one that was overstrength in an ASA specialty. This was considered to be the most impartial approach.

Serious consideration was given to any appeal voiced by the soldiers selected for reassignment. However, the most popular appeal for exception that quickly occurred to many has been quashed. This appeal was based on an assumption that the DA move violated the ASA enlistment contract. This is not the case. Under the Regular Army Enlistment Program, enlistees for the USASA Enlistment Option are promised an initial assignment to the Agency. No assurance is given that all or any specific part of that enlistment will be spent with ASA.

Provided the initial enlistment option is met, subsequent reassignment outside of the Agency does not constitute a breach of contract.

Short Notice

Unfortunately, those selected for the rollback received very short notice. However, each individual situation was given full consideration and sufficient leave was granted to facilitate a normal relocation. Accordingly, each individual had an opportunity to express an assignment preference both within the United States and for an oversea area. It should be noted that these reassessments were made consistent with the priority requirements for each man's grade and qualifications. For instance, the COMSEC Specialist should have no reason to believe he will be made a cook or a point man for an infantry platoon in his next unit.

The mass reassignment was only the first phase of the overall reduction in force. The drawdown will not be completed until this time next year. The exact method of further paring down Agency force figures is still being worked on. However, the only Agency men who will be returned to DA in the future will be those who drop out of USASATC&S at Ft. Devens, Mass., or those who lose their security clearances.

Look to the August issue of THE HALLMARK for subsequent developments.



Grave Topic—It's not the jolliest subject around but it is something you and yours should know about. Because of increasing numbers of fraud complaints, the Veterans Administration wants it known that it is not—repeat, not—affiliated with any private cemetery operators offering burial plots free or at a minimum cost to veterans. VA advises that while some of these offers are on the level you should do a little investigating and get a legal opinion on any contracts you are asked to sign when purchasing a plot.



Pencils, at the Ready—Remember writing theme papers in high school? It wasn't always a lot of fun—but that was because you weren't properly motivated. How does \$1,000 sound for motivation? That's what the Freedoms Foundation is paying the top two au-

thors on this year's theme, "What is an American?" There will also be 50 \$100 awards and another 50 \$50 prizes. And if you are on active duty, in the Reserves or National Guard, you are eligible to try your hand.

Entries may be in essay, poetic or letter form but must not exceed 500 words. You should mail them to:

**Freedoms Foundation
Valley Forge, Pa. 19481**

All entries must be received by November 1 and must include your name, rank, social security number, branch of service, complete unit and home addresses with zip codes.

The extensive responsibilities of cryptonet controlling authorities within USASA commands are outlined in detail in Department of the Army letter AGDA-A (M) (6 April 71) ACSI-CIS, dated 16 April 1971.

Responsible commanders should familiarize themselves with the letter and be prepared to discuss its contents with supported commands. The subject of the directive: "Responsibilities of US Army Cryptonet Controlling Authorities."



Smuggling, Anyone?—If you've ever been held up by customs inspections, you know how galling it can be having some agent pawing through a month's dirty underwear. Well, gird yourself. It's going to get worse, especially if you are returning from Southeast Asia.

No, customs inspections aren't being tightened up for the sheer pleasure of harrassment. It's being done to cut off the flow of heroin and other hard narcotics into the country. The same applies to packages being sent home from over there. Every one of them is being opened up by customs. So if you are busily pondering how you'll sneak that broken-down AK-47 or a few joints past the man, you might as well hang it up. They'll hang you up as sure as if you were pushing cocaine.

The Ultimate Bennie—Great news! The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) has decided all military men and women and their dependents now qualify for autopsies! At this point, what more could the recipient ask for?



Poll Update—Remember the MVA poll you saw in the February HALLMARK and the results which were printed in April? Well, the responses continue to dribble in—raising the total number of replies from 300 to more than 430. The opinions stated in this second batch closely parallel those printed previously. The cry continues for less harrassment and more money and hair. A solid majority agreed that changes were being made in the Army but most felt these were not enough.



Government Bennies—Do you ever awaken in the middle of the night and worry about taking advantage of the Federal Government through the GI Bill? Well, you needn't. Sam knows what he's doing. It may cost your Federal uncle about \$6,300 to send a veteran through college, but a college graduate in turn makes about \$213,000 more over a lifetime than does a high school graduate. And that means more in taxes to the government—about \$40,000 more over the years. You, of course, profit. But Uncle Sam gleens his cut too.

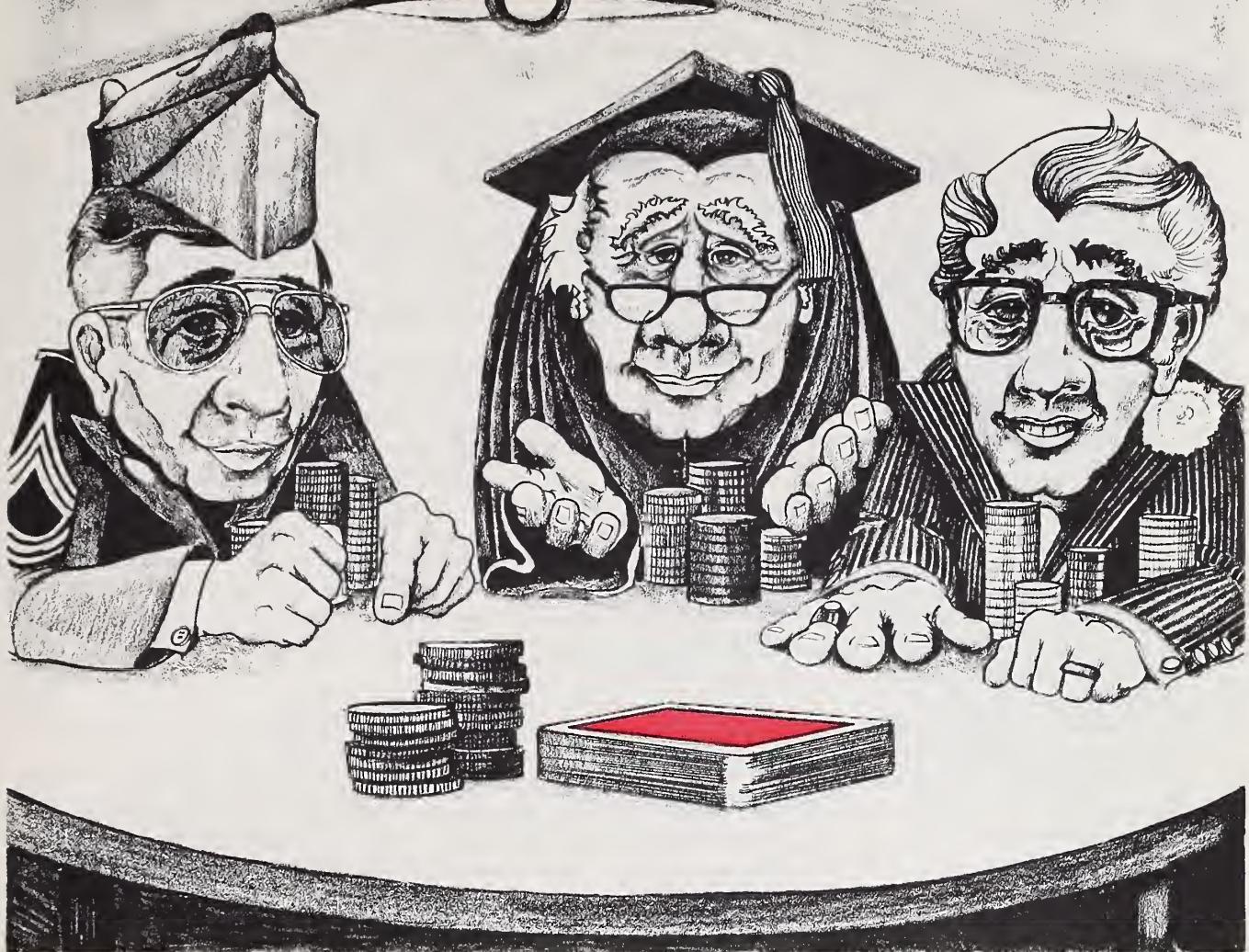


Home is Where the Car Keys Are—What with the high cost of home buying, more and more soldiers are looking into buying mobile homes. But few know what to look for and what problems are involved. The VA has helped clear the haze with a new booklet entitled, "Questions and Answers on Mobile Loans for Veterans." It's free and you can pick it up at a local VA office or by mailing a request to:

**VA Central Office (26)
Washington, D.C. 20420**

Retraction

There's many a slip twixt writing copy and coming up with THE HALLMARK each month. To prove it, look at last month's Spotlight. No, on second thought, don't look. Generously, we bestowed PX privileges to widows of veterans while it should have been widows of veterans who had 100 percent disabilities. We also tantalized senior NCOs with a six-month drop for retirement benefits. In truth, it should have been they could submit their applications for retirement six months early. To the ladies, our apologies. To the NCOs, our apologies—and a gotcha!



Dealer's ETS Choice: Options Wild

*Whether you are . . . * Getting out after 2, 4, 20 or 30 years * Staying in
* Haven't decided, or * Don't know which way to go . . .
this article is loaded with information that will make deciding . . . planning . . .
and doing a lot easier for you.*

How much time have you spent in the Army? Two years? Four? Twenty? Some may be counting the days until it happens and others may dread that it will ever come, but sooner or later all must ETS. Ashes to ashes, olive drab to dust.

What's it all mean—Expiration Term of Service? It means a major and decisive moment in your life. . . . a break, a pause to think about your future. Some know what they want.

Education. A job. Others are just so ecstatic or despondent about being released, they've given little thought to the future and the options available to them.

The patchwork of information and reference material that follows can serve to steer you through a hectic and troublesome time. It offers a guide on what to do and who to contact about getting back into school, collecting VA benefits, finding a suit-

able job as well as a look at early outs, reenlistment options and getting straight with the reserves.

If you're getting out soon or are reaching that point where you must make up your mind, read on. You should find it useful. If you have a couple of more years to go, take a deep breath, shake your head and sigh. But save the issue! Your day will come.

Early Outs:

The Army's "Head Start" Program

You couldn't have picked a better time to apply for an early out. Both the Army and the Agency are overstrength. Legitimate requests for early outs are being approved speedily at ASA headquarters. However, according to a personnel specialist, the thing that slows down many requests is the fact that they are put together incorrectly.

Enlisted requests for early outs are covered in AR 635-200.

Schooling and Teaching

A drop of up to three months prior to ETS can be arranged to return to any college or university, business, trade or vocational school approved by various Federal and state government agencies. This generally means accredited schools. The same applies for a certified teaching position.

Generally, the release comes 10 days before the first day of class registration, as long as those 10 days are not in addition to the three months early out. Exceptions will be made up to 30 days for soldiers who must relocate across country or from overseas. Once again, these 30 days cannot be in addition to the three months.

How does one start this action? Go to the Unit Personnel Office (UPO). There you'll receive instructions on how to fill in your request. Start on it whenever you wish, but Headquarters personnel will not start action on your paperwork until 120 days before the date you want to get out. It will take about 30 to 45 days to process your request. Once again, make sure you've provided all the information required by the AR. If you don't, you'll get it back.

Law Enforcement

If you can find a job with any public law enforcement agency—city, county, state police, etc.—you can be released up to three months early. The job, however, must be in law enforcement, not in clerical support of a police force. Talk to the people at your UPO.

National Health, Safety or Interest

There's no time limit on this one but it's the most difficult to come by. It requires proof that your release would be for the nation's health, safety or interest. And unless you're a doctor in a small, rural community, you might be hard-pressed to figure out

what is in the nation's best interests.

Seasonal Employment

Once again, go to your UPO. They'll give you specific directions. You'll need a notarized letter from your prospective employer stating the nature of the job and the date you must report for work if you are to be employed. The early out is good for up to three months. It cannot be for an operation that runs year-round, even if that company has a peak busy season that requires the hiring of more help. Also, this job must be your main occupation, not merely a means of getting any early out to make some money to go back to school.

End of Tour

EM finishing up a short tour with less than 150 days left to serve are usually released outright. Coming back from a long tour, the period is 30 days. One thing you should check thoroughly though is whether that early out, or any of the above, will have a bearing on your eligibility for the GI Bill. Check it out.

Officers

Cinderella has been less kind to officers wanting out. For instance, no early outs for seasonal employment.

However, you can get out up to three months early either to accept a teaching position or to return to school. The three-month drop is also applicable to a job with law enforcement. Check these at the UPO.

You don't have to check anything with anyone if you get elected to Congress. Automatic out!

The Catch

There are two conditions that cover all early outs for officers and EM alike. If you give erroneous information in a bid to get out early—for instance, saying you'll return to school when you don't intend to—you can and quite likely will be recalled to active duty. And if your unit—for reasons of operational necessity—can't afford to lose you, it can block your early release. This doesn't happen often.

"Hey fella, it's not a bad career."
"You want changes? Stay in and help make them."
"Think of all the bennies."

You've heard them all—the arguments on why it's your duty and obligation to reenlist. But have you ever really considered them? Really? Not for the Army's sake, not for humanity's, but for your own.

The state of the economy and the high rate of unemployment just may be the best reenlistment tool going for the Army.

And while no one ever seems to want to stress the point, you can re-up for a relatively short period of time while you puzzle out what you want to do with your life. To re-up does not automatically turn you into a "lifer." Most soldiers young and old will agree that's a state of mind, not a matter of time.

"What's in It for Me?"

Every EM is eligible for at least one reenlistment bonus—maybe two.

The Basic Reenlistment Bonus is open to every first term soldier and may be worth up to \$2,000. What would yours be? Simply multiply your base pay times the number of years you'd reenlist for. Then deduct 20 percent for taxes. (That 20 percent doesn't hurt as much if you spread out your bonus payments. In fact, you have to have a pretty good reason to collect it in one lump sum.)

The Variable Reenlistment Bonus is where you can really make some money (up to \$8,000) if you have a skill the Army wants to keep. And that includes most of the Army Security Agency people. This bonus is in addition to and not instead of the Basic Reenlistment Bonus.

There are a few conditions. You must already have served 21 months, never have previously collected a re-enlistment bonus, and reenlist for a period of time that will extend your total active duty time—past and future—to at least 69 months.

How do you figure your VRB? Find your MOS from the list below and note which VRB Multiplier it is listed with. Multiply your base pay times the number of years you'll sign

on for. Then multiply that figure by the VRB multiplier. Don't forget the government's 20 percent bite and also don't forget to add on your Basic Reenlistment Bonus.

Pay Hikes—You know yourself

Re-Up? Me?

they are coming pretty regularly. One last January. One under discussion right now. Another possible for next January. The pay has to continue to go up if the Modern Volunteer Army is to become reality.

Benefits—Military pay is low in some respects compared to civilian standards—no argument. But plug in the benefits and you'll find you'd have to earn considerably more to maintain the same standard of living.

For example, a married SP 4 over two now makes \$453.90 monthly in base pay, BAQ, separate rations and uniform allowance. But he'd have to find a job that paid at least \$675 a

month to get comparable dental and medical care, hospitalization, life, accident and health insurance, and legal aid. Plus servicemen have PX and commissary privileges, 30 days annual paid vacation, space available travel privileges on military flights, a considerable tax break and the ultimate bennie in every sense of the word, death benefits.

But Money isn't Everything

Realizing this, the Army offers more—a series of options to snare you for another hitch. For example, there are options like:

Present Duty Assignment—Happy where you are? Stay there. That doesn't saddle you to the same job though. If you've got the proper MOS, re-up for another job.

Choice of Overseas Area—E-6s and below have their choice of anywhere in the free world, provided the Army has a base there and a position opening that matches your MOS.

Conditions—If you are returning from Korea, you cannot go back until you put in 18 months in CONUS or at another overseas area. If you are returning from any other short tour area, re-enlist for any overseas area where a

What's Your VRB Multiplier?

Multiplier Four

05 CDGK; 21 HJKLMRST; 22 GKLM; 23 NQSTU; 24 BDFMN-PQ; 25 BDGHJK; 26 BCDHLM NTW; 27 BCDEF; 31 BELSTU; 32 BCDEFG; 33 BCDEFG; 34 BDG; 35 EFGHKLMNPR; 36 GH; 41 BCE-FGH; 46 LMN; 52 BCD; 55 DG; 67 BCFGHNPNPTUVWXYZ; 68 BCD-EFGH; 72 D; 74 CDEFG; 91 CDF-MQ; 92 B; 93 HJK; 96 CD; 97 BC; 98 BCGHJ.

Multiplier Three

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35 BDJ; 42 DEF; 43 E; 44 CEK; 45 JM; 52 HJKL; 61 DE; 62 BCD-EFHL; 63 CK; 71 CE; 72 BGH; 76 N; 81 B; 82 BE; 84 D; 91 EPS; 92 C; 93 DE; 98 BCGHJ.

Multiplier Two

00 G; 04 C; 05 B; 11 BCDEFH; 12 BDF; 13 BE; 15 BEF; 16 CDE-FHKR; 17 BD; 31 MR; 36 E; 41 J; 44 BD; 45 K; 51 BFQ; 61 BC; 62 GJKM; 63 F; 64 B; 65 CDEHK; 71 DHNPRS; 73 CD; 76 JMPQRS-TU; 81 E; 82 CD; 91 BGRT; 92 D; 93 FG; 95 BC; 96 B; 97 D.

vacancy exists. It will cost you four years for a long tour selection, three years for a short.

MOS-Producing School—If you are an E-6 or below and can meet the qualifications of the school you wish to attend, take your pick.

Others—There are other options available too, although they aren't in as much demand by Agency personnel. They include options for Special Forces, Special Intelligence, U.S. Army Bands, Airborne training, the U.S. Army Air Defense Command, Drill instructors and Vietnam.

Officers

With the cutback in manpower, of-

ficers are being particularly hard-hit. That may be one of the reasons junior officers aren't being tantalized with all sorts of lavish lures to stay in the service. The Army wants to retain career-oriented officers, not those who are trying to cull the Army out of one last choice assignment.

Junior USAR officers can no longer extend for a period that meets their personal needs. Short-term extensions are out except in cases of most extreme hardship. If you want to extend, it's for 24 months or an indefinite period and there are no deals in writing guaranteeing future assignments. An oral agreement might be worked out with your branch personnel representative at OPO, DA, if a position is open where you want to be assigned.

However, by going Vol-Indef, you improve your chances of getting a choice assignment.

If you are seriously considering a career, Regular Army (RA) is the answer. No one will say it outright, but the RA officer has the edge throughout his career over the USAR officer. Promotions don't come any quicker, but they do come more assuredly. RA officers don't get riffed. They also have the option to resign. At the moment, it's not too difficult getting an RA request approved. And if you are considering a military career, now is the time to decide if you want a branch transfer. Personnel staffers however recommend against running two personnel actions simultaneously.

Shipping Goods

Pack Up Your Kitchen in Your Old Kit Bag

ETS. PCS. Shipping household goods is a royal pain in the posterior. A little prior planning, however, can help take some of the burden off you (and your wife, if your were issued one.)

Rule number one: as soon as you get your ETS orders, beat a hasty path to your transportation office. Don't put it off. In the peak season (and summer is the peak season), the transportation office must have from three to four weeks notice in order to make arrangements for a commercial moving van.

Who Can Ship and How Much?

If you're on this list, you qualify:

Generals (0-7s through 0-10)

13,500 pounds

Colonel

13,500

Lieutenant Colonel

13,500

Major, CW-4

12,000

Captain, CW-3

11,000

First Lieutenant, CW-2

10,000

Second Lieutenant, CW-1

9,500

Sergeant Major

9,500

Master Sergeant

9,000

Sergeant First Class, Spec 7

8,500

Staff Sergeant, Spec 6

8,000

Sergeant, Spec 5

7,000

Corporal, Spec 4 (over 4 years service)

7,000

Where?

You have a choice. You can send your goods to your home of record, to the city where you enlisted, any point that's a shorter distance than the first two, or any place further, as long as you pay the difference in advance.

Retirees have an even wider choice. They can send their goods to their home of selection, that is, wherever they plan to retire.

But let's say you just don't know where you'll end up. You might know you have a job waiting in Oklahoma City or you'll be going to school at Michigan State but you haven't the slightest idea where you'll live.

In that case, the Army will forward your household goods to the proper area and then store them for up to 90 days while you are finding a place to live. If you run into a serious problem on that score, you may be able to get this extended another 90 days. Retirees may store their goods up to one year.

While at the transportation office, make sure to pick up a copy of DA Pamphlet 55-2, "Personal Property Shipping Information." It will give a complete picture on how to prepare for the move and what to expect of the movers. Detailed information on insurance is also included.

You might also glance at the April issue of *Army Digest*. In it you'll find a story called "It's Your Move," a compilation of moving tips that should prove useful.

The Short- timer is

- ... the guy who never stops talking about it.
- ... the guy who is always grinning.
- ... the guy who hasn't done one constructive thing in the past month.
- ... the guy who can't figure out why you aren't as wildly ecstatic over his departure as he is. (Soon, you will be.)
- ... the guy who equates last night's Mets-Giants score into the days he has left.
- ... the guy who drops those dreadful one-liners like, "I'm so short I don't have to pay full bus fare."
- ... the guy who can't figure out why you continue to bug him about that \$20 you loaned him last March.
- ... the guy who chimes "single-digit-midget" just as you go under 1,000.
- ... the guy who is going back to his hot wheels and fast honey in THE fun capital of the world, Split Pea, Ark.
- ... the guy you'd sell your soul to be.

College. There's something magic about the word. Football games, all-night rap sessions, parties, new people. No wonder many men and women think about returning to school upon the completion of their military service.

But a stint in the Army can be a sobering and maturing experience and the veteran is looking for more than just a good time. He wants an education and a solid jump on his future.

The Federal government cries, "Right on." That's why the GI Bill was established. Qualifying vets can collect \$175 a month with no dependents, \$205 with one, \$230 with two and \$13 a head additional just for returning full-time to an accredited school for up to 36 months.

You might be thinking, "I don't get out for another 15 months so this doesn't concern me." Wrong, friend. It's not too soon to start thinking about where you're bound.

The first place should be your education center. More than likely you already have a school picked out. In that case, education center personnel can show you that school's latest catalog or at least order it for you.

But if you don't know where you want to go, they'll show you lists of schools close to home or others that

specialize in the fields you want to get into.

And if you cannot make up your mind what you want to study, your education center specialists may be

viously, it might be difficult going to an Ivy League school on the GI Bill alone. The education center can point out cheaper schools and economic trends throughout the nation.

In general, an application must be submitted to the school by the start of the semester preceding the one in which you wish to begin your studies. However, every school has its own time table. Learn it. Follow it. You can't expect a break here just because you're a veteran although that fact may be of some service in gaining admission to some schools.

You cannot file your request for the GI Bill until you have discharge papers in hand. But you should fill out the application at least one month before you ETS. You'll need information from your 201 personnel file and that gets pulled and forwarded to the Transfer Point about 30 days before you ETS.

Forewarned may mean you'll not starve. Bring enough cash to get you through the first two months of school. Often it takes that long before your VA checks start coming in.

The GI Bill can be used while you're on active duty too in conjunction with a variety of military programs. Check it and any other questions out at your education center.

The College Scene

able to set up an appointment for aptitude testing.

If you are curious to find out what university life is all about, you may be at one of the posts that allow you to attend classes at a local college during your last six months in the service through "Project Transition." That's a lot cheaper way of discovering whether college is for you than dropping a full semester's tuition.

Other areas that the education center will help you with include financial considerations. The GI Bill provides a flat monthly stipend—it does not cover tuition, books and board. Ob-

Getting a Job

So now you are out of the Army. School just doesn't appeal at the moment and you don't have any work. Just how do you find a job? The answer to that question is being sought by a lot of people, including President Nixon.

Search the classified ads in daily and trade papers? Go to a state or private employment agency? Check with friends? Sure. You can go all these routes. But your wisest move would be to contact your nearest U.S. Veterans Assistance Center (VAC). There are 71 of them across the country. Your nearest VA office can put you in contact.

What can they do when everyone is griping about unemployment and the shortage of jobs?

The VACs offer all sorts of services such as job counseling and advising. But their biggest seller is job placement. Most of the VACs are hooked into the Department of Labor's computerized job bank. This job bank—which is updated daily—lists literally thousands of Federal, state and private employers looking for veterans to fill jobs.

And by no means are all these jobs "manual labor" or undesirable. Sure, there are openings listed for gas station attendants and security guards. But a casual review of the VAC printout also reveals jobs for professional men like architects and engineers as well as for skilled laborers like sheet-metal workers and machinists.

But VAC assistance in job-hunting doesn't end here. Most VACs also keep job lists of their own to draw on. And if you have a special skill, most VAC officials will make scouting phone calls to local employers who might be able to use your abilities.

A VAC spokesman for the District of Columbia office stressed jobs—good jobs—are available to former servicemen. Most vets just don't realize it or don't take advantage of the

service for a variety of reasons ranging from false pride to plain pigheadedness. And the service is available to every veteran—EM and officer—for the rest of their lives.

As one VAC representative put it, "You shouldn't have to pay to find a job." The VAC can do everything a private employment agency can do and even more than the individual freelancing for employment. Oh, you can walk around handing out resumes. But in this skeptical world, employers don't always believe everything you might put down and they don't have the time to check. However, with a VAC backing your claims which are confirmed on your DD Form 214, you stand a lot better chance. And most employers would rather hire veterans for a variety of reasons ranging from patriotism to the knowledge you won't be drafted.

Take advantage of the VAC. That's what it was created for. And if you can't immediately find *the job*, you can always find something to keep beer in the refrigerator until the right opportunity comes along.

Career officers and NCOs often have fared better with a project named REFERRAL since the VACs are more generally youth-oriented. That's not to imply the VACs don't have work for careerists. But careerists find more with REFERRAL. REFERRAL currently lists about 1,000 employers across the country that are looking for both specialized and general senior management skills. For more information, write:

**Department of Defense Centralized
Referral Activity
1507 Wilmington Pike
Dayton, Ohio 45401**

But let's say you had a good job before you entered the Army. Or maybe a not-so-good job but it was

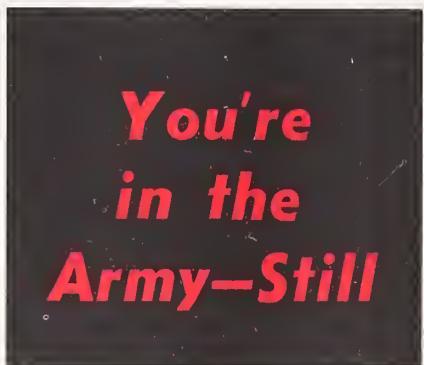
better than anything you can find. Anyway, you want to return.

You can, you know. A statute in the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 states your old boss must take you back if you've been gone for less than five years and were a full-time employee. Not only that, you must return with all the position advancements and salary raises you would have attained if you hadn't left the business.

"Who's to say how far I would have gone?" you may ask. If you and your employers can't come to an agreement on this point, contact the closest branch of the Department of Labor's Veteran's Reemployment Rights office. You'll find them in Atlanta, Boston, Cleveland, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, and San Francisco.

If you were with a union, talk it over with your local union officials. You should get action.

Just because you served your country is no reason you should be penalized at work when you return to the civilian community.



Okay, you're out. A free man? Not quite. You still have a reserve commitment—the extent of which depends on how much time you spent on active duty. Your total military commitment is six years. Subtract your active-duty time and that's how much time you have left in the reserves.

But first things first. Within 10 days of separation, you must report to your Selective Service board for reclassification. No more sweat over 1-A. If you never were classified by the

Selective Service, you'll have 30 days to do so.

EM—Credited with more than two years, less than three—You'll be placed in a Control Group Annual Training which can—but won't necessarily—assign you in turn to summer camps until the fifth anniversary of the date you went on active duty.

EM—Credited with more than three years—You'll be placed in a Control Group Reinforcement. You'll have no mandatory training requirements unless you so desire.

Officers—Less than Three Years—Even if you're a Viet-vet, on the 61st day of your civilianized life, you'll be subject to mandatory assignment to a local unit within 50 miles or 90 minutes of your home. There you'll stay until the fifth anniversary of your enlistment or appointment.

Officers—Over Three Years—Home free all. No mandatory training.

Don't call them. Most assuredly, they'll call you. But it is most important (and a legal necessity) that you leave your proper home of record when you go through the transfer point while ETSing.

Enlisted men will receive a packet from the U.S. Army Administrative Center in St. Louis, within 90 days of their discharge. Therein they'll find their reserve group and instructions on where and when to report. Men without active reserve commitments will be told how to join a reserve unit if they so desire along with the benefits of so doing.

Retired NCOs can join an active reserve unit if they can find a unit that needs them and is willing to file a statement of indispensability. However, while paid for their training, retirees must forfeit their retirement pay for those reserve days.

Officers will likewise be informed from St. Louis as to their reserve obligations and opportunities.

Officers and EM alike who have not been assigned to a unit are permitted

to join the Army Reserve, the National Guard or other service reserve units if they so desire. However, in the last two cases, it's up to the individual to find his own vacancy.

VA Bennies

You've heard a lot of talk about your VA benefits. You probably know they'll help you through school with the GI Bill. And if you've read the preceding, you know the VA can help you find work.

Is that it? No way. A complete listing and explanation of all of the VA's programs would rival some of the fattest ARs bound together. Orphans, education, retraining and disability compensation are just a few areas with which the VA deals.

A more complete wrap-up of all the VA's programs can be found in a VA Fact Sheet #15-1, March 1970, called, "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents." You can get a copy at your VA office or by mailing 30¢ to:

*Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, D.C. 20402*

Some of the more widely-used VA programs follow:

GI Loans for Homes, Farms and Businesses—When you served and how long you served have a bearing on how long you are eligible for these benefits. You'd best check with the VA on that point. But if you are eligible, the VA says you are good for up to \$12,500 for a home loan, \$4,000 for other real estate loans or \$2,000 for a non-real estate loan. The interest on these loans cannot be in excess of 8½ percent annually so not

only does the VA back you up at the bank, but it also makes sure the shysters can't grab you. Check with your local VA representative for more details.

Federal Civil Service Preference—You have an edge if you want a job with the government. Your service qualifies you for additional points to be added to any passing score you might have on a competitive Federal civil service exam. You can find more job information at most large post offices, Federal Job Information Centers and local offices of your VA and Civil Service Commission.

Unemployment Compensation—The amount of assistance and the steps on how to go about seeking aid vary from state to state. But if you have at least 90 days continuous active duty, any kind of discharge other than dishonorable and cannot find work, you should qualify. Contact your local state employment service on how and when to file a claim. There's no shame in collecting unemployment if you cannot find work. After all, you paid it every month you were on active duty. Contact your local state employment service.

There are other services available to you—manpower retraining programs and vocational rehabilitation programs for the disabled to name two. Your VA office has the information.

A Final Word

There you have it. A complete picture? By no means. Just the cream off the top of the bottle. But perhaps we've pointed some arrows and given some direction as to where to go for help.

If the cigarette industry and the Woman's Lib movement will pardon this theft, "You've come a long way, baby." The end of one world—the start of another. And with the right moves, it's all yours. Good hunting.



Softball

Camp Humphreys, Korea—The USASA Group Korea intramural softball league started off with a bang, if not for all who participated, at least for the 300 to 400 ASA spectators who filled their afternoon with steak and lots of beer.

With the mess hall temporarily moved to the softball field, there was plenty of opportunity to grab a plate, sip a couple of beers, and settle back to take in the action.

A local Korean, Miss Kim, was the highlight of the opening ceremonies when she stepped up to the foul line in traditional Korean dress and threw out the first ball. She received a large round of applause.

Collection II whipped Proc. F in the first game, while the crowd began to feel less and yell more.

The HQ Gunkies took on the Officer's team in the second game. The rivalry of EM versus officers inspired many shenanigans, ribbing from both sides, and an irreverent dummy depicting the commissioned men as less than adequate ballplayers. The officers had the last laugh though, trouncing the Gunkies behind powerful pitching and a talent for scoring their runs with walks to the plate.

Bad Aibling, Germany—The local miracle maker, Dutch Eyman, seemed to be in big trouble when he walked the first two men he faced. Eyman had pitched his league-leading TK IV squad to first place with two no-hit games, including one perfect game.

What was happening now? Could this be our superstar? Was this the same man we praised on last month's R&R page? Yes, indeed.

With two on and nobody out, Eyman mowed down the next 21 batters. When the game ended, TK IV had a 4-0 victory and the Dutchman nine more strikeouts. Not only had he struck out 42 men in 22 innings, but he also had his third no-hitter in four games.



Camp Humphreys, Korea—Miss Kim, a local national, shows near-presidential form throwing out the first ball to begin the softball season.

Community Loss

Herzo Base, Germany—Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) is a worldwide organization with more than 12,000 participating clubs.

The Herzo Base TOPS Club was recently named TOP club at the European convention after rolling off with the two highest awards this May.

The club took honors in the Scrap Book Division and won the most coveted award for the best average of pounds lost per member.

Twelve thousand clubs is an awesome figure. Suppose each club had 50 members who, on an average, lost four pounds. That's 4,800,000 pounds, or 2,400 tons! You could make 16,000 people out of all that . . . or replace all the citizens of St. Augustine, Fla.!

Splaat!

Ft. Bliss, Tex.—The US Army Aviation Electronic Warfare Company

celebrated Armed Forces Day with an open house and unit picnic this year.

With plenty of good barbecue beef and hot dogs to keep the energy level at a peak, the officers and NCOs accepted a softball challenge from the enlisted men. It was a hard-fought contest but the EM managed to squeak out a 10-0 victory.

The USASA Benefit Association was also a winner. One vengeful soldier paid \$40 to the fund for the privilege of hurling a lemon meringue pie into the sporting visage of the company executive officer, Captain Jerry C. Campbell.

Howzat?!

Arlington Hall Station, Va.—This item should have been No. 1 on the Hall's bi-weekly bulletin but, alas, it was buried in the middle of the page. Apparently the authors of this locally dispensed news sheet didn't recognize the "gem" most readers enjoyed. Here it is:

"4. COMPLAINT PERIOD: A complaint period will be conducted by the Inspector General, HQ, USASA, at 1300 hours, 8 Jun 71, in the Post Chapel. All personnel desiring to see the Inspector General are encouraged to do so at that time."

Ah! The source of our IG's authority! Or maybe the chaplain persuaded the "soldier's friend" to 'walk a mile in his shoes.' If so, DB readers won't be nearly so surprised when they find church services being held in the IG's Office. . . .

ZOT!

Ft. Devens, Mass.—"The Commandant's Spring Golf Tournament kicked off with a boom . . ." says First Lieutenant Jim Anderson of TC&S. In a fullpage rundown of the day's results, 1LT Anderson disclosed that "96 entrants were on hand to tee off at nine o'clock."

The "boom" then becomes explainable. That's the sound made by 96 teed-off golfers all expecting to start at 9 a.m.!

You Figure It Out...

The following is everything you wanted to know about promotion to E-5 and E-6, but didn't know who to ask. File it under: "A Need to Know."

1. TIME IN SERVICE	MAX: 100 Pts	
a. For promotion to grade E-6 (Min. 3 yrs)		
Normal: 5 yrs as of last 31 Dec/30 Jun	70 pts	1 pt ea wk
For each full 6 mos period over 5 yrs ADD	3 pts	
For each full 6 mos period under 5 yrs SUB	1/2 pt	
b. For promotion to grade E-5 (Min. 15 mos)		
Normal: 21 mos as of last 31 Dec/30 Jun	70 pts	1/2 pt ea credit hr awarded
For each full 6 mos period over 21 mos ADD	3 pts	
For each full 6 mos period under 21 mos SUB	1/2 pt	
2. TIME IN GRADE	MAX: 100 Pts	
a. For promotion to Grade E-6 (Min. 5 mos)		
Normal: 10 mos	70 pts	10 pts
For each full month over 10 mos ADD	1 pt	
For each full month under 10 mos SUB	1 pt	
b. For promotion to grade E-5 (Min. 4 mos)		
Normal: 8 mos	70 pts	1 pt per wk
For each full month over 8 mos ADD	1 pt	
For each full month under 8 mos SUB	1 pt	
3. MOS EVALUATION SCORE (Min score 100)	MAX: 150 Pts	
PQS of 110	75 pts	
For each point above 110 ADD	1 1/2 pts	
For each point under 110 SUB	1 1/2 pts	
4. CIVILIAN EDUCATION	MAX: 100 Pts	
a. High School	60 pts	
b. For each college, university business or trade school semester hour successfully completed above the 12th grade level ADD	1/2 pt	
c. For each semester hour successfully completed off duty while in service ADD	2 pts	
5. MILITARY EDUCATION	MAX: 125 Pts	
a. For NCO Academy of 4 weeks or longer ADD	30 pts	
b. For Ranger, Airborne, Drill Sergeant, NCO Candidate, NCO Supervisor, Leadership Courses ADD	2 pts ea wk	
		d. For Army Service Schools or Major Command Formal Courses of instruction successfully completed ADD
		1/2 pt ea wk
		e. Correspondence (extension) subcourses successfully completed ADD
		1/2 pt ea credit hr awarded
		f. For each MOS awarded in addition to PMOS (SMOS/AMOS) provided that indiv has worked the MOS 6 mos or more and has a MOS test score of 70 or higher, and the MOS was awarded after 1 Jan 63 ADD
		10 pts
		f.* NOTE: Promotion points for completion of BCT or AIT are not authorized, unless such courses of instruction are 9 weeks or longer, then commencing with the 9th week of instruction ADD
		1 pt per wk
		6. PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS MAX: 25 Pts
		If this requirement is not waived, or if such waiver is based upon service incurred disability ADD
		25 pts
		7.‡ COMMANDING OFFICER'S EVALUATION MAX: 100 Pts
		Unit Commander is authorized to award from 7 to 10 points in each of the following categories:
	a. Duty performance	f. Responsibility
	b. Adaptability	g. Personal traits
	c. Attitude	h. Expression
	d. Initiative	i. Intelligence
	e. Leadership	j. Appearance
	8.★ AWARDS AND DECORATIONS MAX: 50 Pts	
	a. Medal of Honor ADD	50 pts
	b. Distinguished Service Cross	40 pts
	c. Silver Star	28 pts
	d. Legion Of Merit	24 pts
	e. Distinguished Flying Cross	24 pts
	f. Soldier's Medal	16 pts
	g. Bronze Star (Valor or Merit)	16 pts
	h. Meritorious Service Medal	16 pts
	i. Air Medal	8 pts
	j. Joint Services Commendation Medal	8 pts
	k. Army Commendation Medal	8 pts
	l. Foreign Decoration (Indiv Award)	8 pts
	m. Combat Infantry Badge	6 pts
	n. Combat Medical Badge	6 pts
	o. Good Conduct Medal	4 pts
	p. Each authorized campaign	4 pts

* For example, an 05H20 will usually receive 13 weeks of Morse code training, nine weeks learning the MOS, and possibly an additional three weeks instruction in Automatic Data Processing, for a total of 25 weeks. Subtracting the first eight weeks, the man gets 17 points.

‡ Although this administrative area is the hardest to compute (usually the EM does not see the CO's evaluation until the day before he is boarded), it is logical to assume that if a CO is recommending an individual for promotion, he will probably award him a score in the 90s.

★ Equivalent awards earned in other services receive the same points as the Army awards. Additional awards receive the same points as the basic award except the total award for the Air Medal with clusters may not exceed 32 points. Each battle star or arrowhead device is worth four points.

it's training! it's training!

Specialist 5 Fred Whissel, erstwhile editor of the Kagnew Gazelle at USASAFS Asmara and now heading the staff of The Antenna at Vint Hill Farms Station, Va., takes a light-hearted poke at training. The piece is from Fred's weekly column "Whissel in Dixie."

Seeing this bleary-eyed group of guys huddling around the post theatre last week, I grew curious as to why. It was broad daylight, there was a bad movie scheduled, and it was too early in the morning for an ACS drug lecture. They went inside, so I followed.

With everyone seated, happily exchanging "Did you hear the one about . . ." with "You wouldn't believe this WAC I took out last night," an odd thing happened. The lights flashed on and off a few times, a circle of light appeared on the screen and standing perfectly centered in it, looking for all the world like an inverted peace symbol, was our post chaplain.

"Welcome, brethren. Welcome to the House of the Lord and the Army. We have a very good message for you today (Pay raise? Rose-colored throw rugs for the barracks? What? What?). Our film is on marriage."

Once the cheers die down, the movie begins, with an all-star cast (whose screen names are curiously different from those used in this film).

"Oh, John, what's to become of us?" opens a pretty young bride. "Already we have run out of money for the payments on the Cadillac, the mortgage on the mansion is two months overdue, your father is a slob, here's a letter from the Selective Service, the dog is sick and it's raining outside. We just got married this morning!"

"Fear not, wife. I am an intelligent bean. Let me think about it. There. That's it. Do you have a match and some gasoline?"

"Look. Is that a military vehicle? Tanks!"

"You're welcome. Is this Sunday or are you a Catholic?"

"Oh, John, I think we can make it after all! I love you! Let's have a large happy family."

So the chaplain reappears in his circle, and speaks: "I'm sure that answered a lot of your questions on racial prejudice. Your next class will be on reenlistment opportunities, but now you have a 10-minute break."

Ten minutes later, the class reconvenes, with approximately half its former number strangely absent. Lights flash, etc.

"First, do you have any questions? Then let's show the film!"

Room darkens, one hears the sounds of shuffling feet. This one is in color.

"This man lived because he was treated properly. Treat men properly and you can live too. First, stop the bleeding. (It's a head wound, and a bandage doesn't stop the bleeding, so the guy puts a tourniquet around the guy's neck.) Protect the wound. (The healthy guy picks up an M-16 and begins to stand guard). Then, treat for shock (The guard unplugs the wounded man's electric shaver). There. If you have any more questions, see your finance officer today."

With the lights back up, and the applause slowing, a captain appears: "Hi, I'm here to give you a 10-minute break."

So everyone leaves. After 10 minutes, three guys return and take their seats. A SP5 is now in the limelight, claiming to be my friendly social worker. Before he gets a chance to speak, a sergeant interrupts to say that the three other remaining guys are wanted back at the office. They leave.

The social worker looks at me and says: "Perhaps you're wondering why you are here today."

As a matter of fact . . .

Ideas and Opinions

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a time to ponder

The following is an editorial which appeared in the June issue of The Chosun Courier, the newspaper for USASA Group Korea.

"Things sure have changed!"

And they have, though the phrase sounds trite. The fact is that no one can deny that the Modern Volunteer Army concept has won many supporters and has resulted in major policy changes.

Perhaps it is time to set all that has been happening in perspective. Are the changes that have been made and will be made the right ones?

The draftees and first term enlistee who plan on leaving active duty at the end of their two, three, or four year commitments are a substantial portion of the turnover in Army personnel. Many of these people who return to civilian life are exceptionally qualified, and would be an asset to the Army. They spurn the Army career because it refuses to change.

The MVA concept is aimed at making the Army competitive with civilian industry and attractive to qualified people it is losing in the turnover rate. The younger generation of potential career men are interested in change and want new values; the Army way of life, the MVA seems to say, should reflect that changing way of life in the civilian world.

The results have been relatively swift as beer has appeared in the barracks, haircut regulations have been revised, and the atmosphere of Army life has become less strict. There is no denying that the oldest service has dramatically changed in the past year.

The question arises whether change is progress, and where our priorities lie. Those who call for change in the Army must recognize their responsibility to insure the quality and mature judgment that means progress. Symbols of the old way of doing things are being eliminated, but the need is to change the wrong ways and not necessarily the old ways.

this is your lifer

Writing for the USASATC&S's Fountainhead, Command Sergeant Major Anthony Cincotta offers a warm and human definition of the much-maligned "lifer."

I overheard two young soldiers commenting on the Volunteer Army last week. During the discussions the word "lifer" was mentioned. The term "lifer" is not new to Army lingo, and I may have used it myself as a young soldier. But in thinking about the word "lifer," I am sure my definition would differ somewhat with those of the two young soldiers.

He's the guy you turn to when the stuff starts to fly because he's been through it all before.

He's the one who reads the regs and knows how to bend them when necessary. He believes they were written for a reason, just like the Constitution, city ordinances and college entrance procedures.

He knows where and how to complain when his people are getting a bad deal and that doesn't include a protest march.

He knows by instinct who needs a kick in the pants and

who needs a pat on the back to keep morale and discipline up.

He doesn't mind being the bad guy when that's what it takes to shape up an outfit. He writes letters to his wife and kids and sometimes in the loneliness of his room, drops a tear when he thinks of them.

He made a decision long ago to be a military professional, and he's stuck with that decision, and he's determined to be a top professional.

He puts a high value on loyalty and discipline and expects the same from above and below.

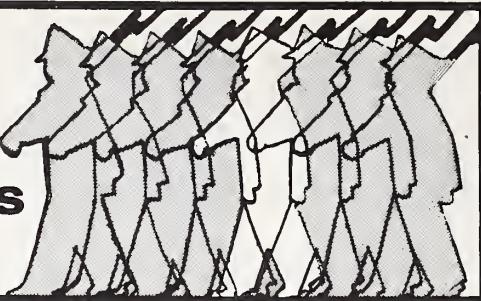
He'll take any job assigned to him, whether it's a soft liaison post in Hong Kong or a night patrol to capture prisoners, and he'll do his best on either job.

He knows that it's the "lifers" who make the machine work and that without them, things will come to a screeching halt.

He wants his kid to graduate from college.

He's basically a good guy who will turn into a civilian one day and watch his kids go in the Army and write home about the "lifers" in their outfits.

THE *Missed* PERSONS BUREAU



The Missed Persons Bureau lives—barely. Long live The Missed Persons Bureau? That all depends on you. A quick survey of the early returns on THE HALLMARK readership poll (See May HALLMARK) indicates the careerists really lap this column up (although no one seems to be providing us with names) while the junior officers and EM are pretty cool to the idea in its present form.

So, in keeping with the ecumenical spirit of the day, why not give the juniors a slice of the cake? The Missed Persons Bureau is now open to everyone—regardless of age, race or careerist tendency.

Any and all getting out or out already, drop us a line about where you are going and what you'll be doing. We'll print as many as we can.

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Our current files have been nearly

depleted but we have come up with a few more names. Colonel **James E. Maertens** has decided to buck the tide and come east from California. He'll take a teaching position in Seneca, S.C.

CW-2 **Paul M. Higgins** has made his military retirement home near Vint Hill Farms Station, Va., where he works as a DA civilian.

Master Sergeant **Herbert C. Brooks, Jr.**, works with children in the New Jersey State Juvenile Office, Morristown, N.J., CW **George Gregory Jr.**, is working with cattle on the other side of the country in Ashland, Ore.

Other ASA-vets include Major **John F. O'Brien**, Dallas, CW4 **Paul Richards** of Winter Park, Fla., Master Sergeant **Russell Allen** of Woodbridge, Va., and Lieutenant Colonel **Kirby Kirks** of Falls Church, Va.

New Training Policy Stated

The Mandatory Subject Training Program is dead—so says the Department of the Army in a mid-month bulletin received just as THE HALLMARK was going to press.

This doesn't preclude any more training, mind you. But it will eliminate from unit training schedules many subjects of little relevance to individual or unit needs.

From now on, training will consist of three areas only. Mission Training, Individual Training (i.e. job training, PT and weapons tests) and Rights and Responsibilities training (i.e. military justice, race relations, drug abuse, service benefits, etc.)

Commanders below the battalion/separate company level will receive training guidance in the form of mission-type instructions rather than by detailed directives. And individual training records will no longer be required for annual inspections.

VOLAR picks up speed.

(Look for more comprehensive coverage of the new training concept in a future issue of THE HALLMARK.)

Early Warnings

Ever wonder what's inside a golf ball? Ever shuck and unravel one, burying your feet in miles of rubber? In the center is a core and within that core is a liquid.

Now that core seemingly makes a neat toy for kids. They can bounce it around, play catch or even drive a nail through it. Not too long ago, a youngster did just that—and was nearly blinded for life.

That liquid center within most golf balls is made up of all sorts of chemicals including sulfuric acid. It's compressed at a rate of 2,500 pounds a square inch.

Golf can be heartbreaking enough on the greens.

Don't risk more permanent sorrow at home. Keep golf balls out of the reach of curious kids.

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Americans—soldiers and civilians—love sun bathing. But Dr. Peter N. Horvath, chairman of the American Cancer Society's District of Columbia Division on Skin Cancer, warns you can get too much of a good thing. And that too much might be anything from a bad sunburn to skin cancer. Moderation is the key. You can't expect to get or keep a bronzed-Tarzan look over one weekend. A broiled Maine-lobster look, maybe. Tarzan, no.

Legion of Merit

BRIGADIER GENERAL: Thomas K. Trigg. (2).
COLONEL: Richard L. Jones.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: George T. Shearin.
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: James E. Boyette.

Bronze Star Medal

MAJOR: Wallace D. Bailey, Richard Barr, Gary N. Gross (2), Clarence Leibenguth.

CAPTAIN: Gerald R. Bliss, John W. Bohuslar, James Cooper III, Kenneth G. Loundermilk, Donald P. Harris, Wayne E. Hill.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Samuel L. Chapman.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Aaron E. Karver, Arthur F. Kilpatrick, William Rawlinson (1), Charles P. Reiterman.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Gregory R. Mowe.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: William Brown (1), Ralph H. Dunn, Herbert F. Gruen (1), Craig Mitchell, Paul J. Noell, Daniel L. Schmitt Jr.

STAFF SERGEANT: Carl D. Beem, Robert R. Bross, Edwin E. Goethe, Charles Jackson Jr., Onslow P. Shallenberger.

SERGEANT: Kenneth L. Carlson.

SPECIALIST 5: Donald R. Allen, John C. Brewster, Thomas J. Chandler, Roy J. Cordell, David M. Croney, Terry W. Culler, Chris M. Destefanis, Dennis J. Ellis, Richard A. La Londe, Charles W. Little, Warren K. Miyasato, Gary A. Snover, Rodney H. Takahashi, Wayne O. Vinson.

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Air Medal

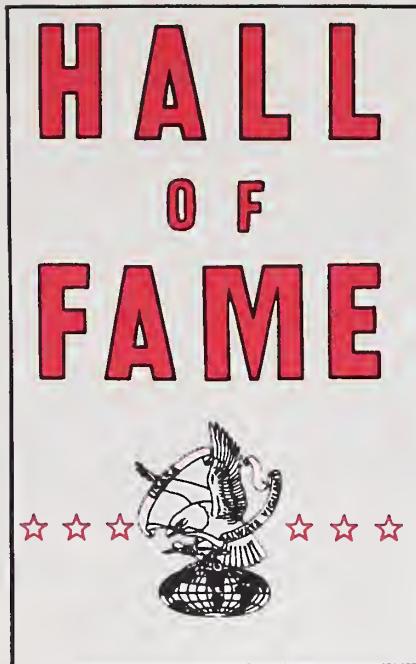
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Request for Fire Brigade

TO Hq, Roman Army FROM CO, IXth Roman Legion (Chariot) DATE 6 June 47 BC CMT 1

Request that the IXth Roman Legion be authorized a fire brigade. Presently there is no fire fighting capability within or near our camp. Although the Roman Senate has an excellent fire fighting team in each town within the Roman sustaining base, the occupation forces, such as the IXth Roman Legion, have no such protection. Some method of providing protection against camp fires is needed.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

ETERNUS VERITUS
LT of Horse

FROM: Chief of Staff TO: Personnel
Provide reply to IXth Roman Legion within 5 days.

DATE: 27 June 47 BC

CMT 2

I.M. SCRIBE
MAJ of Papyrus
SGS

FROM: Personnel TO: FORCE Development DATE: 30 June 47 BC CMT 3
No authorization for a fire brigade exists in any references to the IXth. Forwarded to you for further action. No spaces, no faces.

U.N. FILLED
CPT of Scribes
Adjutant

FROM: FORCE Development TO: Security DATE: 02 July 47 BC CMT 4
The recent manpower survey team did not validate any requirements for a fire brigade. In view of the recent cut by the Senate, the spaces cannot be provided through trade offs. Suggest using local nationals for this purpose.

DELETUS SPACUS
COL of Staff

FROM: Security TO: Personnel DATE: 03 July 47 BC CMT 5
1. Local nationals cannot be used in camps of legions. Security directive CCCLXXX-V prohibits such action.
2. Implication in categorizing the Roman Senate as "excellent" instead of "superior" or "exceptional" in basic correspondence raises serious questions of loyalty in the IXth Roman Legion. Five inspectors will be sent on temporary duty to perform a loyalty investigation of members of the IXth.

CRAFTICUS SPYUS
CPT of Security

FROM: Personnel TO: Logistics DATE: 05 July 47 BC CMT 6
What equipment can be provided to the IXth for fire fighting?

U.N. FILLED
CPT of Scribes

FROM: Logistics TO: Comptroller DATE: 06 July 47 BC CMT 7
Local contract procurement available on pump, fire fighting, hand operated, Model MDCCCXI-AI, at a cost of 125 talents per item.
Request fund cite for four pumps.

ALGONICUS RESORSCUS
CW2 of Supply

FROM: Comptroller TO: Personnel DATE: 09 July 47 BC CMT 8
Funds not available. Use funds already allocated to IXth Roman Legion (Chariot) for Headquarters directed projects. The budget must be balanced.

I.M. PENURIOUS
MAJ of Monies

FROM: CG, Roman Army TO: CO, IXth Roman Legion (Chariot) DATE: 11 July 47 BC CMT 9
1. Unable to support request for fire brigade at this time. Provide information concerning types of tents, total hectarage occupied by camp compound, total men per square hectare, local training directives on fire fighting, nearest source of water, and all other pertinent information.
2. Timely submission of required information will permit this headquarters to submit a request for program change to the FY XLV BC program. You should receive the authorization in about three years.

I.M. SCRIBE
MAJ of Papyrus
SGS

TO: CG, Roman Army FROM: CO, IXth Roman Legion (Ex-Chariot) DATE: 02 Aug 47 BC CMT 10
1. Cancel request submitted in basic correspondence. The camp burned to the ground last week.
2. Request 2,000 chariots to replace those lost in the fire.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

ETERNUS VERITUS
LT of Horse

Any resemblance between then and now is only slightly intentional.

By CPT Robert M. Howard